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Letter dated 5 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2003/939)

Letter dated 5 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2003/943)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Algeria, Bahrain, Cuba, Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, the Sudan, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to a letter dated 5 October 2003 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations (S/2003/942), requesting an invitation to participate in the meeting in accordance with the Council's previous practice. In accordance with the rules of procedure and the previous practice in this regard, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations to participate in the discussion.

In response to the request contained in a letter dated 5 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations (S/2003/941), the President extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Yahya Mahmassani, Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

The representative of Israel made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, Spain, China, the United Kingdom, the Russian Federation, Germany, France, Bulgaria, Chile, Mexico, Angola,

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Guinea and Cameroon, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the United States.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier at the meeting, the Council heard a statement by Mr. Yahya Mahmassani.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Lebanon, Algeria, Morocco, Jordan, Egypt and Tunisia.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Bahrain, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Yemen, Qatar and the Sudan.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a further statement.

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